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test  
1st firing CORONA 21 Jan 1959  
Serious malfunction and hustler engine was separated from the  
Thor on the launch pad while testing - failure  
may result in delay in schedule. 1st camera-carrying  
CORONA now set for May 1959.

Cabell plans to attend firing of first COR test launch  
on 25 Feb 1959. It to be followed by 2 biomedical shots  
one each March and April 1959. First camera shot to  
be on 20 May 1959. (If lost time is recovered.)

Launch weather criteria at Vandenberg was CAVU in the  
beginning--although it was hoped that experience with  
regard to range safety would relax this reqmt to something  
like 2,000 foot ceiling and 3 miles visibility.

1st C launch postponed to 8 June 1959.

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Highest level approval must be requested for each  
COR shot, which is CIA's responsibility.

NRO review(s)  
completed.